(e) Question does not arise.

Death due to non-availability of timely medical treatment

47. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-availability of timely medical treatment turned fatal to a Delhi Police Constable late on Sunday night, the 19th August, 2001 when he bled to death in the casualty ward of the premier Central Government Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) if so, how can anyone expect anything better when a policeman on duty can be left to die in a City hospital;

(c) the details of the case; and

(d) the steps taken that such incidents do not recur in future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The facilities for treatment of emergency/trauma cases are available in the Casualty Department of Safdarjung Hospital round the clock. Such facilities are provided without any discrimination to all.

(c) Late Shri Rahimuddin, Head Constable, Delhi Police reported to the Casualty of Safdarjung Hospital on 19.8.2001 at 9.00 P.M. having crush injury in both the upper limbs, injury of the left lower limb associated with head injury. The patient was in a condition of shock. Therefore surgical intervention was not possible. All efforts were made to bring the patient out of shock but the patient could not be revived and expired at 11.30 P.M. on 19.8.2001.

(d) Safdarjung Hospital is well-equipped in terms of manpower and equipments to provide proper treatment to such patients.

Treatment by Doctors and Hospitals ETC. in Emergency Cases

48. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to make it obligatory on the part of Medical Practitioners and specially for the Nursing Homes/Hospitals not to refuse treatment to persons in emergency and trauma-related situation;